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Thinking Out Loud

By H. M. L.

The editor of the Sonoma Index-Tribune, Mr. C. G. Murphy, under the heading: "The Yanks Have What It Takes," has some pertinent things to say about our fighting men and the vast ignorance of geography which keeps many Americans thoroughly muddled. It follows:

It is hard to say just who is to blame for the people's misunderstanding, misconception or lack of knowledge concerning some of the territory in which we are now fighting for democracy but the average American was not sufficiently informed. Blame indifference to geography or its teaching in the schools for the lack of knowledge of the islands in the Pacific. Blame ambassadors or pacifists or propagandists for the false impression that fighting the Japs would be a "push over" and leveling their paper houses or planes and factories a cinch.

After coming to grips with the crafty Nips, and suddenly becoming conscious of the vast seas and many islands we must reduce and conquer by force of arms, it becomes apparent that we have been too chesty and not so brainy concerning much of the country we are now an and really exploring. Praise the Lord we Yankees have the guts to fight anyone, anywhere but it would have been of incalcuable value had we realized more fully the extent of the terrain, its character and had we grasped the fact that the Japs are not just inoffensive "school boys", smiling softies and would be easy marks for our tough fighting men once we could get at them.

Considering the wrong idea most Americans had of the "banzai" brothers our charitable idea of their intent and the totally wrong conception we had of the geography of the Pacific, we are staging a remarkable campaign against the crafty enemy and now "have their number" as we say in slang parlance. Once our understanding is clear we can clear the deck for the all out action Jimmy Doolittle outlined.

A University of California professor has recently pointed out how little the average person knows of just one of the battle zones—New Guinea.

"Few of us have any idea of what the sparsely populated land has to offer to the world," states Dr. Robert M. Glendinning, associate professor of geography on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California.

"With its area of more than 300,000 square miles, the exact area being unknown, New Guinea is the largest island in the world. If we choose to consider Greenland and Australia as continents. It is about twice the size of California and nearly three times that of the British Isles.

"As an important battle arena, these largely unsurveyed regions are destined to be developed under the aegis of the United Nations, and their commercial future seems assured by virtue of vast natural resources. The gold deposits alone have gained considerable attention.

"To think of New Guinea as a little place off the coast of Australia inhabited only by fuzzy-headed cannibals is to have a poor conception of the island. One of the next major developments by white men will be there."

Nevada City Firemen Invited to Firemen's Ball

The Grass Valley fire department is rapidly completing all details for the big annual ball Saturday evening in the Veterans Memorial hospital. Firemen of Nevada City, and their ladies have been invited.

An excellent orchestra from Sacramento has been engaged. There will be a fine program of entertainment by the Firemen's Auxiliary under the chairmanship of Mrs. William Sproul. Friday there will be a rehearsal of the picturesque grand march the opening spectacle of the annual ball.

Red Cross Drive To Raise $5,100 in Nevada City Opens March 1

Richard J. Bennetts, chairman of the Red Cross war fund drive yesterday announced that beginning March 1st, the campaign will open to raise $5,100 as Nevada City's quota and share of the $125,000,000 which American Red Cross proposes to raise this year throughout the nation.

"Certainly this is a very large sum", said Bennetts, "to be raised by the Nevada City Red Cross chapter, in view of the curtailment of gold mining, our chief industry. However, we shall not fail to meet the needs of our boys in the service and to give assistance to their loved ones at home, when and where help may be needed.

"The women of Nevada City are making a magnificent contribution in labor, producing all manner of things for the men in uniform, the material for which will be supplied from a portion of the funds raised.

"Every local fraternal organization, corporation, every man, woman and child in Nevada City is requested to make a donation to the war fund, and to give as large a sum as possible. By reason of our reduced population the weight of responsibility falls heavily upon us. Where we gave $5 last year, we should give $20 or even more this year wherever it is possible to do so.

"A few pledges of $100 have already been received. This is encouraging and serves to confirm our faith in the ability of the Nevada City Red Cross chapter to meet its full quota."

BILLS PENDING

Copies of all Senate and Assembly Bills introduced in the state legislature are now on file in the office of the Nevada City Nugget where they can be seen by anyone interested. The file of bills was sent to this office by Assemblyman Allen "Scoop" Thurman.

GRASS VALLEY USO FUND HITS FAST STRIDE

The Grass Valley USO committee has decided not to secure temporary headquarters pending the rehabilitation of the building, destroyed by fire, at the corner of Neal and Mill streets. It is expected that the work of rebuilding the quarters that burned down on the morning they were to have been opened to visiting soldiers and sailors, will proceed rapidly.

In the meantime a cash fund is rapidly being subscribed. All told almost $1200 has been donated to paying off the committee's indebtedness and toward a new fund for furnishing the building when completed.

Sometime since the Hague-Thomas-Hegart post of the American Legion issued a standing invitation to all men in uniform to make the Veterans Memorial building their headquarters while visiting Grass Valley.

ADVISES TRUCK OWNERS NOT TO WAIT DEAD LINE

L. R. McNamara, Sacramento District Manager, today said to avoid waiting and confusion, the office of defense transportation urges operators of all commercial vehicles, including farmers, not to wait for the deadline for tire inspections—Feb. 28.

He further stated reports indicate, that inspection of farm truck tires has been particularly slow.

The record of tire inspections, McNamara said, should be entered on the back of the certificate of war necessity, since certificates which do not have this valid endorsement cannot be used to obtain gasoline ration coupons or tire certificates from local war price and ration boards.

He pointed out, however, that nonlicensed off the highway equipmena including trucks used exclusively on the farms are not included in this ruling and the tires for these vehicles do not have to be inspected.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Septuagesima Sunday—9:45 Sunday school. New enrollments invited Junior choir under direction Mrs. Fred Anderson and Miss Ruth Libbey.

11:00 Morning prayer with sermon by the rector. Choir director, Mrs. Carl Libbey. Organist, Mrs. F. Anderson.

REV. CEDRIC S. PORTER, Rector.

HIGH SCHOOL PTA TO OBSERVE FOUNDERS DAY

The Nevada City high school PTA will hold a meeting Friday evening at the high school in honor of Fathers and the founders of the PTA.

A pot luck supper at 6:30 p. m will preceed the meeting and a cordial invitation is extended to any one interested to attend. Anyone planning on attending is asked to call 242 for reservations.

An interesting program has been planned by Mrs. Leland Smith program chairman for the evening. consisting of musical numbers, a short tribute and a picture will be shown by Mr. Kjorlie.

The election of the nominating committee will be held.

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERY DISTRICT MEET

The trustees of the Nevada County Cemetery district, organized under a law on the statute books for some ten years, met in court house Tuesday afternoon. Claude Clark of Bloomfield, and manager of the Relief Hill hydraulic mine, is chairman. The other two members are John Crowley of Washington and Louis Ford of North San Juan. They were appointed by the Nevada County board of supervisors last September.

Under the law the district as now organized includes the cemeteries in French Corral, Sweetland, two in North San Juan, Cherokee, Bloomfield, Relief Hill, Moore's Flat, Graniteville, and Washington. In Moore's Flat cemetery no one has been buried in the last twenty ears. In Cherokee no interments have been made for fifteen years. Most of these ten cemeteries are sadly neglected. In them repose the remains of many of the Argonauts. The trustees are preparing to levy small assessment on property within the district next year in order to raise a small fund for the care of these cemeteries.

1942 XMAS SEAL SALES REACHED NEW HIGH

Mrs. Richard Goyne, Nevada County sales manager for Christmas Seals reports that total sales amounted to $1406.96, about $150 more than las year. Fraternal societies, the school departments and the PTA all took an active interest in the campaign. The money is devoted to prevention and cure of tuberculosis.

INTERMENT AT ROUGH AND READY

In Grass Valley, Nevada County February 15, 1943, Walter I. Merrill, uncle of Harold Parr o fSacramento, brother of Will Merrill of Chico, a native of Grass Valley, 71 years of age; funeral services were held yesterday in Grass Valley, interment was in Rough and Ready cemetery.

CIO SEEKING TO REENTER NEVADA COUNTY, REPORT

A report that the CIO was attempting to re-organize the employes of the Lava Cap mine, brought this comment from Otto E. Schiffner, general manager of the property:

"Of course I do not blame the men for wanting more pay under present conditions. Now, while I have no knowledge of any such organization being proposed, I can only say this, if there is any intention of asking for an increase in wages, it will simply result in closing down the mine. It is not possible to continue operations and raise wages."

Over two months ago a committee of Lava Cap miners waited on Schiffner and asked for an increase of $1.00 wages. They were then, and are now, receiving $6.48 per 8-hour day. At that time he explained the conditions under which the Lava Cap was operating and announced the mine would be forced to close were any wage increases demanded. The miners took a vote on the question and by a very large majority agreed to continue operations at the presen wage scale and under unchanged conditions.

R. E. HARRIS SUCCUMBS TO HEART ATTACK

Robert H. Harris, owner of the Harris Drug store of this city, died Tuesday evening shortly before six o'clock at his home, 412 Nevada street. He was 74 years of age, and had been ill for several months. Tuesday he complained to his wife of not feeling well but until about an hour before his death refused to have a doctor. Dr. B. W. Hummelt was called, but he died shortly afterward.

He was born in Elkin, North Carolina, studied pharmacy at Baltimore college, Maryland, and upon his graduation moved to Montana where he entered the drug business. Later he went to Washington state, and from there moved to Southern California. He came to Nevada City 18 years ago and purchased the drug business of R. J. Bennetts of this city.

Surviving the deceased are his wife Mrs. Marie Ferguson Harris, his daughter, Mrs. Charles P. Elliott, and two brothers, Walter Harris of Los Angeles, and Fletcher Harris of Seattle, a sister, Miss Meta Harris, also of Seattle, and three grandchildren, Barbara, Marie and Robert S. Elliott.

Funeral services will take place in the Holmes Funeral Home chapel tomorrow afternoon. The Masonic lodge will conduct graveside services.

ENGINE NO. 1 TO ENTER MUSEUM

Engine No. 1 of the Narrow Gauge railroad will leave tomorrow for Colfax where it will be loaded on a S. P. flat car and sent to Nevada, to become a museum piece of the Bliss family, prominent railroad and lumber circles for two generations in California.

Engine No. 1 was purchased about 1927 from the Lake Tahoe railroad and transportation company, and was used for some years prior to its acquisition by the NC Narrow Gauge, in lumber hauling in the Tahoe area.

F. R. Smith, salvage supervisor of the Merle L. Tobiassen company of Oakland, had the engine shunted onto a side track off Bennett street in Grass Valley. Yesterday was its last day in Nevada county. History minded camera addicts took snap shots of the locomotive.

FALSE ALARM

The Nevada City fire department received a fire call from the corner of Nevada and Grove streets yesterday noon at just about the same time the noon bell rang. When the firemen answered the call they traveled the full length of the street and found it was a fales alarm, the first ever to come in when the noon bell was ready to ring. An investigation is being made.

STATE SURPLUS MAY PROVE TO BE HEADACHE

By RALPH H. TAYLOR

At a time when most of the problems engendered by the war involve critical shortages, and when the federal government is seeking every possible means of collecting new taxes to meet the colossal costs of global conflict, California state government is so rich with cash surplus and so embarrassed by needless tax revenues that if it were a private firm, instead of a public agency it would be in imminent danger of being accused of conscienceless war profiteering.

By a strange quirk of war economics, that is the anomalous position which the state finds itself in, as special committees, named by Governor Warren and the legislature, delve into the situation in an attempt to determine on a sound and equitable fiscal program.

The huge state treasury surplus is expected to reach the astounding total of $250,000,000 by the end of the next biennium, June 30, 1945, according to estimates of some of the members of the legislative committees investigating the rags to riches phenomenon.

The state surplus, after many years of staggering deficits was at first considered by both state officials and lawmakers as a happy circumstance and a welcome change, but it is now becoming clear that it may prove to be the biggest headache of the 1943 legislative session, and one of the most serious problems of the Warren administration, unless a practical program is promptly agreed upon for husbanding part of the money for a rainy day and returning the balance to the people in the form of tax relief.

Governor Warren pointed up the problem in his inaugural message, when he declared:

"California is now favored with a sizeable surplus. It has come to us very largely from taxes upon war industry. It comes to us in trust, for it is the money of all the people of California.

"This surplus, by its very existence constitutes a constant temptation to everyone to spend it just because it is there. Everyone sees, according to his own lights, a way, a place and a need for spending it and in some instances even for purposes that have never before been considered state purposes.

"I hold to the convicton that this money must be lifted above the dissipating reach of grab bag tactics. If we yield to such temptations, this surplus will soon be transformed into a deficit by processes which will result in an actual denial of the interests of the people as a whole. I want to see this money either committed for essential state projects or conserved."

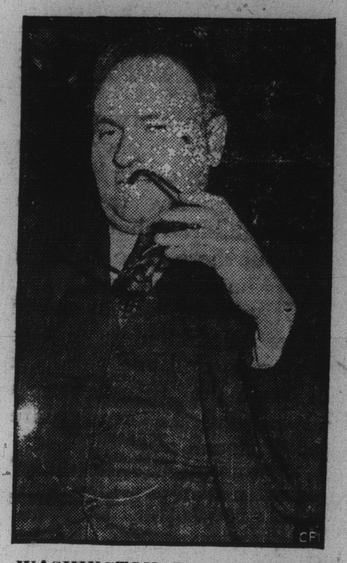
Since the legislative session opened, the governor has made it clear that he believes part of the surplus should be returned to the people in the form of tax reductions, and that some of the excess fund should be earmarked to meet after the war problems, when the state's revenues may suddenly decline at a time when its costs will be increasing.

Two things are of vital importance in making that program equitable and workable.

1. When a program of state tax reduction is brought in, it should afford the greatest possible measure of relief to the greatest number of people, but care must be taken not to impair the state's basic revenue measures so that they would prove inadequate when the "war boom" comes to a sudden end. It will be better, however, to err on the side of cutting too much, rather than too little, for new taxes always can be enacted if necessary, and a too great reserve in the treasury will inevitably invite extravagance.

2. If it is determined to earmark a fund of millions of dollars to aid the state and its people through the post war years, then safeguards must be written into the proposals to make certain that the money is actually conserved for that purpose and not dissipated needlessly. It should not be just left in the treasury in the fond hope that it will still be there at the war's end. It should be "frozen" until the emergency arises which demands that it be expended—and legislators at the current session should conscientiously refrain from trying to jam through "pork barrel" special appropriations for their home districts, or their pet projects.

Author, Defends "Pay-As-You-Go Tax Plan



WASHINGTON. D. C.— Beardsley Ruml, author of the plan for income tax payment bearing his name is shown as he defended the plan before the House Ways and Means Committee last week. He asserted that treasury proposals to collect 1942 income taxes over a period of years in any transition "Pay-As-You-Go" violates the principle of taxation according to ability to pay.

REORGANIZATION STATE AGENCIES IS PROPOSED

By LLOYD LAPHAM

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 18.—(UP)—Proposals for reorganization of several state agencies and governmental operations, including a new and more stringent plan for senate confirmation of all gubernatorial appointments, today were under study by the senate governmental efficiency committee.

The bills were introduced by the senate members of the joint interim budget committee. The confirmation bill provided not only that term appointments to state positions be confirmed by the senate, but also that if the governor fails to fill an existing vacancy while the senate is in session he may not fill it until the legislature reconvenes.

Several measures to increase the hours of work of state employes also were included in the group. One would make it permissive to require a 48 hour work week for state employees, and an alternative bill would make a 40 hour week mandatory. Most office employes of the state now work 37 or 37 1-2 hours.

Denial of old age pension payments to persons found to belong to subversive groups or engaging in activites banned by the criminal syndicalism act was asked in another bill.

The state superintendent of banks, the insurance commissioner, and the building and loan commissioner would be required to use the attorney general's office rather than private counsel by another measure. Gov. Warren previously ordered the building and loan commissioner to use the attorney general's office in Pacific States Savings and Loan litigation.

Also, the attorney general would be empowered by another bill to survey the need for private attorney service in every state agency and order discontinuance of private counsel where he believed advisable.

Further legislation affecting these and other agencies of the department of investment would make all the division heads subject to civil service. Included would be the divisions of banking, building and loan, corporations, insurance, real estate and district securities.

The group also asked aboliton of the state lands commission, the state planning board and the waste utilization commission.

The planning board would be succeeded by a "state economic planning board" of eight members representing agriculture and industrial groups. The board would be charged for the present with laying plans to meet postwar economic conditions.

Sheriff Carl J. Tobiassen has been moved from the Community Hospital in Grass Valley to the home of his sister, Mrs. Ida Magonigal on Zion street. He is making a good recovery. His broken leg is knitting rapidly.

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CASEY HAS STRUCK OUT

Oh, somewhere in this favored land, the sun
is shining bright,
The band is playing somewhere, and somewhere
hearts are light;
And somewhere men are laughing, and somewhere
children shout,
But there is no joy in Mudville—mighty Casey
has struck out!

It was the last of the ninth inning in 1888; New York was leading Philadelphia 4 to 3; two men were out; runners were on second and third. Dan Casey, who had broken up a ball game the week before with a home run, was at bat for Philadelphia; the stands roared for a homer—and "the mighty Casey" struck out!

Thus was born baseball's classic, "Casey at the Bat." New York won the ball game, but Casey won immortality on a strikeout. Dan Casey struck out for the final time a few days ago; death came to him at a time when baseball moguls were debating whether the war will blackout professional baseball during the 1943 season; when the ball clubs had just announced that they would play ball as long as each had nine men left able to trot out on a diamond. If the games does go on, it will probably be played by the old-timehs many of them veterans who had hung up their gloves, but who are coming back to replace younger stars called into the service.

Before the season is over, the biggest "strikeout" in baseball history—more momentous than even the sad song of "Casey at the Bat"—may occur. Organized baseball may fan out for the duration. Like the mighty Casey it may strike out but it is too much a part of Amrica to ever die. The fans will still be yelling for homers long after Hotler and Hirohito are just bad memories.

48-HOUR WEEK

Another notable illustration of the fact that the American people are often ahead of their government leaders in recognizing the need for changes in their way of life to aid in putting the country on an ll-out war basis is brought sharply into focus by President Roosevelt's recent action in establishing a 48-hour work week.

While there may be sharp difference of opinion on that phase of the presidential order which preserves the right of workers to overtime pay for work in excess of 40 hours per week, there will be little or no public opposition to the lengthening of the work week to 48 hours. To the man on the street, and the man in the field or the factory, it has been apparent for months past that it was foolhardy to attempt to wage total war on a 40-hour week basis, and the demand for a longer week has come from the people, not from Washington.

Farmers, with no compulsion, other than their country's need, have been working 60 and 70 and 80-hour weeks ever since the war began, and thousands of men in business and industry, beset by problems which could not possibly be mastered in a normal work week, have been doing the same. Now that a beginning has been made in getting rid of some of the luxury labor standards of peace time which have crippled the war effort, it is to be hoped that our leaders in Washington and Sacramento will go the rest of the way in stripping for action. An immediate objective in California should be the suspension of the archaic Full Crew Law, which requires that six or seven brakemen be employed to do the work of two or three on freight trains, with the result that trains are delayed in departure by lack of workmen—and vital shipments of war materials are delayed in reaching our fighting men.

President Roosevelt, in preparing us for new changes to come, has warned that all of us on the home front must "adopt for the duration a Spartan standard of living and take patriotic pride in it." The American people are ready for that; they just want it fairly applied, with no exceptions.

VICTORY AT GUADALCANAL

There is n natural tendency on the part of our government and military leaders, in the wake of the victory at Guadalcanal, to warn against over-confidence and to emphasize that this is just a dent in the Jap armor, rather than a turning point in the war. It is well that we should exercise restraint in evaluating our initial victories and that we should not repeat the mistakes of under-estimating our foe, as we did before the treacherous attack on Pearl Harbor.

In actual fact, we have won only a pin-point on the broad may of the Pacific—a dot of land with a flying field which we badly needed to protect our shipping lanes to Australia, and which will also serve as a valuable base in future attacks against the enemy. We paid a high price, in men and ships, for that little strip of land, but the significance of the victory is that it cost us far less to win it than it cost the Japs to lose it.

We have taken a fierce toll of the Japs in our first two victories of the Pacific, at Guadalcanal Island and in New Guinea—a toll of 90,000 Japanese dead, 200 Nipponese ships sunk or damaged and 2,000 planes destroyed. In the southern Solomons alone, our military observers estimate that Japan lost 75,000 men, 150 ships and 1,000 planes, while the remainder of the losses were sustained in the New Guinea campaign, where MacArthur's troops wiped out the invasion force to the last man.

Our success in whittling down the Jap navy and merchant marine may have greater bearing on the outcome of the war than our possession of the narrow strips of land which were the focal points of the fighting. Similarly, the blow to Japanese military morale is a factor of major importance; the enemy knows now the mettle of American troops—and their costly retreat from Guadalcanal proves that far from being obsessed with a suicidal passion to die for the emperor, they know how to run when they are licked. Guadalcanal may not be a turning point in the war, but the Japs at least have had a forestaste of what is to come. And the evidence indicates that they don't like it.

"Could I borrow your suitcase?"

"Why you didn't return it the last time you borrowed it."

"Now, what'll I do? I want to borrow it again."

The first adobe house north of San Francisco was erected in Marin county by an Indian chief who learned the art of brickmaking from Spanish explorers.

Juvenile Delinquency On the Increase

BERKELEY, Feb. 17. — Juvenile delinquency is one direct result of wartime conditions, says Jane Shaw Ward Shaw, lecturer in social welfare on the Berkeley campus of the University of California.

"It is recognized," she says in explaining this statement, "that many social dislocations have arisen out of the development of war industries and out of situations arising from the Selective Service Act. Families are living under conditions of serious overcrowding. Parents often are away all day. Schools in such centers are under unbelievable pressure, and many little children and boys and girls are without adequate supervision or recreation.

"At the same time, the enlistment and drafting into the armed services of the staffs working with courts and probation departments, is leaving many vacancies there. In many places there is a special emphasis upon the need for persons with at least one year's graduate social work training. A little thought will show how delicate and difficult this work is, and how important, and for many of these positions persons with 2 years graduate training are being sought. Many social work positions are available in this field and all too many have remained unilled."

Grass Fire Along Silva Ave. Threatens Homes

The fire alarm yesterday at 4:10 p. m. was turned in by Policeman James Allen from the city hall who sounded the alarm for Box 52 through the fire department transmitter at the city hall. The firemen responded and arrived at the scene of the fire just in time to prevent serious spread of flames from a grass fire which was burning rapidly, considering the recent weather. It raged in the grass along Silva avenue on the Randall and Haddy properties.

Just as the firemen arrived a barn on the Randall property started to blaze and the Haddy house was being threatened. The property was located just outside of the city limits and the only water available was that carried in the tanks on the two fire trucks but this supply was suficient to control the fire. Had the fire trucks arrived but a few minutes later serious damage might have resulted.

With reference to the turning in of false alarms, Fire Chief Steger wishes to call attention not only to the fact that a heav penalty attaches to such action but such practices unnecessarily endanger the lives of the firemen and others during the answering of such alarms.

Late Archie Crase Buried in Oakland

Funeral services were held in Oakland yesterday for Archie W. Crase, 59, a native of Grass Valley, who died in Oakland last Sunday.

After graduating from Grass Valley schools he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania mine and for some time was mill man there. Later he owned a clothing store at the corner of Main and Mill streets. In 1920 he accepted a position with Roos Bros. in San Francisco.

Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Reta Crase, and three sons, Malcolm, Ellsmere and Donald. Harold Crase, now resident of Nevada City, is a brother. Another brother Milton Crase, resides in San Francisco, and a sister, Mrs. Mable Crase Ayer lives in Richmond.

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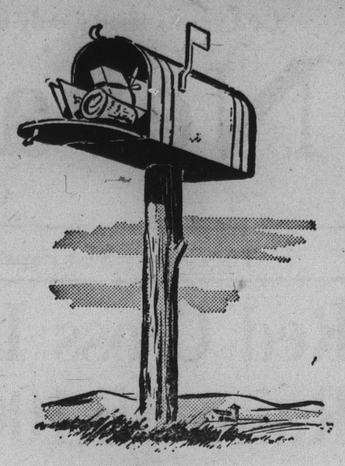

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AT THE STATE CAPITOL

Among the 3000 bills introduced to date in the state legislature there are three senate bills of particular interest to the mining industry.

Senate bill No. 291, by Senators Mayo, Seawell, Brown, Dillinger and others, is the so called moratorium bill, an act to provide or suspending the enforcement of certain obligations against the operators of gold and silver mines who have been forced to cease operations because of the war. The legislation permits the operator to petition the superior court of the county in which he had been operating, for relief. In addition, the bill gives the court the power, in its descretion, to suspend the enforcement of certain obligations if it finds the ability of the operator to produce gold or silver sufficient in quantity to enable him to make the payments required under contract from the proceeds of his operation has been impaired by reason of the closing order. The bill is too lengthy to discuss in detail here.

I will be glad to mail a copy of the bill to anyone desiring one.

Senate Bill No. 414 by Seawell, provides for a separate department of mines, taking it out of the Department of Natural Resources of which it is now a division. A similar bill was introduced four years ago. A number of mining groups have already endorsed the proposal. These groups believe that mining needs a strong and active department in the state government which can only be had by the formation of a separate department of mines.

The writer would be glad to hear from mining men throughout the district as to their attitude on such legislation.

The third bill is Senate Bill No. 320 by Seawell. It is an act which will permit a county to employ a county mineralogist. He shall act under the supervision of the state mineralogist. The proposed law is a permissive one and not mandatory.

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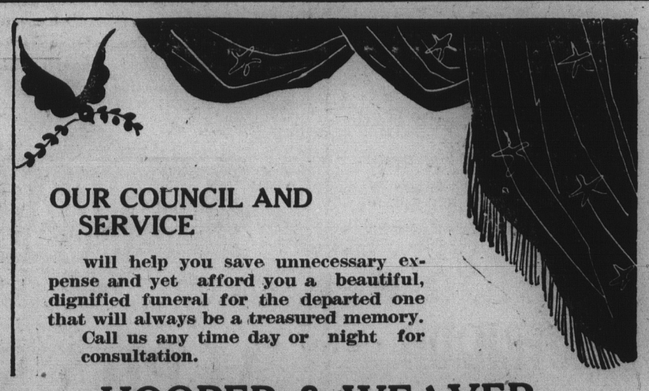

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WILLKIE STILL BIG REPUBLICAN 1944 PROSPECT

By CLEM WHITAKER

Washington gossip columnists who have daily communion with political bigwigs in the national capital, have been conjecturing quite avidly in recent weeks over whether President Roosevelt will seek a fourth term—and gradually, in guarded language, the word is spreading throughout the country that the president will not run again!

That, to be sure, is contrary to the belief of most Republican leaders, who consider it a ruse designed to lull them into inaction, but some of the veteran observers in Washington believe that Roosevelt, through intimates, like Harry Hopkins, has deliberately inspired the stories to give other Democratic aspirants a chance to see whether they can be developed into presidential timber.

President Roosevelt has so far overshadowed others in his party during the past twelve years that party chieftains have despaired of building up any other Democrat into White House stature as long as the public believes the president will run again. And it is quite probable that the recent "inside" yarns that Roosevelt plans to retire are intended to give Vice President Wallace, Economic Stabilization Director James Byrnes, Manpower Chief Paul V. McNutt, Supreme Court Justice William Douglas and other Democratic stalwarts a chance to show what they can do.

None of the other Democratic possibilities, thus far, however, has clicked with the rank and file American voter. Wallace is undoubtedly best known, but even in his own party he is considered somewhat starry eyed and unrealistic. What Republicans think of him was best summed up by brilliant, sharp tongued Clare Boothe Luce, who, in her maiden speech in congress, described Mr. Wallace's global thinking as "globaloney." Mr. McNutt, as manpower chief, with the duty of shuffling people around and generally disturbing their daily lives, isn't expected to endear himself to the public. And the other two gentlemen, Economic Chief Byrnes and Justice Douglas, are still unknown to the great mass of voters.

The man to watch very carefully if Mr. Roosevelt should echo Cal Coolidge and say "I do not choose to run" is big, lumbering (his critics say 'blundering') Wendell Willkie, the 1940 GOP nominee, who has a stronger Democratic following than any other Republican candidate, due to his ardent chamoionship of the president's war policies. Willkie's toughest fight, Washington observers believe, would be to land his own party nomination. If he got that, he would be a formidable contender against any Democrat, Roosevelt included. But to get in that spot, Willkie badly needs to repair his Republican fences and to draw a definite line of demarcation between himself and Roosevelt on the fundamental issue of private enterprise versus government bureaucracy.

Grass Valley Man, Wife, Cat Recover from Gas Accident

Both Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bell of the Duck Inn on the borders of Memorial park of Grass Valley, have recovered from an accident that came close to at least one fatality. Bell as is his custom, rose early Monday morning and lighted a tank-gas heater in the living room. Returning a few minutes later he noted the family cat staggering. About to pick the cat up he became dizzy and dropped with a thump to the floor. His wife heard the noise rushed in and thought both cat and husband had suffered a simultaneous stroke. Then she began to feel dizzy, rushed out of the room, and phoned Dr. H. N. March. Respiratory treatment soon restored Bell to consciousness. The cat also recovered. The cause was found to be a tin cover over the gas flue, which forced the gas into the room.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilde went to Sierra City Wednesday to see Mrs. Wilde's mother, Mrs. Nellie Wade.

Supervisor and Mrs. Cary Arbogast spent Sunday afternoon visiting Supervisor Jay Coughlan and his brothers at Columbia Hill.

DIESEL OIL KILLS SKUNK CABBAGE

As a result of experiments made by forest officers in the Sierras it is believed one of our mountain meadow enemies, skunk cabbage, technically known as California false hellebore (Veratrum Californiacum) is doomed for death by treatment with 27 or 32 gravity diesel oil, states District Ranger H. I. Snider of the Tahoe National Forest, who plans on carrying out eradication work of the much discussed and "cussed" meadow pest on governmen land in the Truckee district as fast as war conditions will permit.

Stockmen and rangers have for several years walked and ridden through large patches of this skunk cabbage every summer and watched with concern how it has been spreading and crowding out the desirable meadow grasses, thus reducing the available stock forage. The encroaching plant has no stock feed value except as a low grade roughage for sheep in the late summer after frosts have killed it. When eaten in any large quantity when green, it has a tendency to produce ill effects on livestock, Snider added.

So far, according to experiments performed in the Sequoia National Forest, good results have been obtained in applying the diesel oil treatment. This treatment is given when the plants begin to put out their white blossom, at the rate of one quart of oil per eighty plants. The oil should be applied toward the upper part of the plant where the funnel like leaves will hold it until it has worked its way into the plant's stalk and root circulation, which kills both the stalk and root. Spraying the skunk cabbage is not recommended, unless it has become so thick as to kill out all desirable plants in a meadow, since some of the oil spray would kill the meadow grasses, if any were present. Spray outfits could be used to advantage in meadows, however, if they were of the type that could be changed from a spray to a small stream delivery, so that the oil could be squirted into the leaf funnels a spoonful or two at a time, Snider believes.

While 27 gravity oil and labor may not be too plentiful during the war, stockmen could have their herders and camp help treat a few patches of the "cabbage" this year and thus determine results to be obtained. The government owned land infested with the pest can be treated on a large scale as soon as it seems economically advisable to do so.

Elimination of skunk cabbage in mountain meadows will increase desirable grass growth. Meadows will then be given a chance for recuperation by not being stocked too heavily for a few summers after the eradication work has been completed. This will allow an increase in the number of stock to be grazed.

Charles Howlett of Lake City Passes Away

Charles Howlett of Lake City, one of the old mining camps about three miles south of Bloomfield, died yesterday morning at 6 o'clock in the Nevada City Sanitarium. He had not been well for nearly a year. He leaves no near relatives.

Howlett was born, went to school, and lived all his life in Lake City. In recent years he lived with John Boreni. The two were pals. Boreni has charge of funeral arrangements which will be announced later by Holmes Funeral Home.

Scouters to Rally at Dinner Next Thursday Night

Men interested in scouting in the Nevada City area held an enthusiastic meeting Monday night in the Chamber of Commerce rooms in the city hall. Carroll Coughlan presided and many matters of interest to scouting were discussed.

It was decided to hold a "kick off' dinner preparatory to the drive for funds early in March. This dinner will be held on Thursday evening, February 25th, at the National Hotel.

Those who attended the meeting included: Judge George L. Jones, Fred Anderson, H. E. Kjorlie, Horace Curnow, Lloyd Geist, Merle Morrison, Guerdon Ellis, and Bob Frank, district scoutmaster of Auburn.

It was decided to bring in an outside speaker to deliver a good pep talk at the dinner which will be the start of the drive.

Latest news from Robert Vanberg is that he was in a hospital in an army camp near Indianville, Penns., suffering from an attack of mumps.

William Mouthen, with the U. S. armed forces, returned to camp near Santa Rosa Monday after a two day furlough with his parents on Grove street.

Mrs. Annie Browning, who has spent several months in Stockton and the bay cities visiting relatives, is expected home Saturday.

Mrs. H. F. Sofge returned home Saturday evening from a few days visit with her son and family in the bay district.

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SIERRA SNOW PACK OVER ONE HALF OF NORMAL

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 18.—(UP)—With two months of winter still ahead the Sierra Nevada snowpack was more than half way to the normal seasonal total on Feb. 1, a survey by the division of water resources shows.

On the same date rainfall throughout the lower Sierras was 20 to 50 per cent above normal, according to the survey.

Snow was sparse in the Sierra Nevadas during November, December and the arly part of January, but on January 20 heavy storms swept the entire state. Since then the pack has been piled higher by continuing snow falls and flurries.

On Feb. 10, at elevations above 7,000 feet, the pack was from six to nine feet deep.

Snow depths and water content on various courses measured in the Sierra as of Feb. 1 are as follows:

Mount Shasta: snow depth 111 feet, water content 38 feet; Donner summit 89, 30; Echo summit 99, 31; Lake Alpine 100, 33; Ostrander Lake 75, 28; Kaiser Pass 92, 33; Big Meadows 51, 20; Panther Meadow 72, 26; Round Meadow 63, 19.

Rainfall was particularly heavy during the storm of Jan. 21-23 south of the Tehachapi range, records of the mountain watersheds of the Los Angeles, San Gabriel and Santa Ana rivers show. Rainfall was 120 per cent above normal in the Los Angeles watershed on Feb. 1, 95 per cent above normal in the San Gabriel watershed and 50 per cent above in the Santa Ana watershed.

Hi Students to Furnish Day Room at Camp Beale

Emmett Gallagher, chairman of the Camp and Hospital unit of the Red Cross, reports that Nevada City high school students are undertaking to furnish through their own efforts a day room in Camp Beale. They are refinishing furniture and making the lamps needed in the high school shop.

The Rebekahs is another organization which has assumed the responsibility of furnishing a day room at Camp Beale. Members are working energetically for that purpose.

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That no other application for *War Ration Book Two* for these persons has been made;

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FRENCH LICK, Ind.—Because of wartime restrictions on travel, major league clubs are training close to home this year. The Chicago Cubs and White Sox will do their conditioning at French Lick Springs in Southern Indiana. Putting their approval on the swimming pool at the spa are, left to right: A hotel attendant; Joe Barry, White Sox traveling secretary; Bob Lewis, Cubs traveling secretary, and Bobby Dorr, Cubs grounds-keeper. The two clubs will begin training at the spa March 15.

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FERTILIZERS AND STORAGE

A satisfactory fertilizer for the planting season will carry 1 1-2 to 2 per cent of nitrogen ,6 to 8 per cent of phosphoric acid, and about 10 per cent of potash. This fertilizer should be scattered broadcast over the area at the rate of 1,000 pounds per acre. At the approach of the growing season the development of the cabbage should be stimulated by applying a side dressing of 150 to 200 pounds per acre of a fertilizer carrying a high percentage of nitrate of soda of sulphate of ammonia with little or no phosphoric acid or potash in it.

Heads maturing in hot weather need to be cut as soon as they become hard, otherwise they will burst and rot. When they mature during cool weather, they remain in prime condition a long time if stored in a cool dry place.

ALBERTA BOLTON MARRIED AT CHURCH WEDDING

In Trinity Episcopal church Sunday afternoon, Miss Alberta Bolton became the bride of Roderick A. McKean of Colfax. The marriage service was read by the Rev. Cedric Porter.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bolton of this city. A large group of friends and relatives were in attendance. The altar was adorned with lilies and greenery and lighted by many tapers.

The brde entering the church on the arm of her father, was attired in a beautiful model of white satin, lace trimmed with a four-foot train. Her full length tulle veil was worn with cap in halo effect. Miss Claire Randall was bridesmain. Her gown was a pink chiffon formal with a short pink veil. Raymond Brock, brother of the groom, was best man.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Bolton home to which 75 friends and relatives were invited. The groom is employed by the Colfax Fruit Growers company and the newly weds will make their home in Colfax.

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